

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were examined and acted upon in the aforesaid Office Action. Claim 2 has been canceled and no new claim has been added, leaving claims 1 and 3-13 for consideration.

Claim 2 was objected to, but deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the matter of claim 2. Accordingly, it appears that claim 1 is now in allowable condition.

Claims 3-13 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1 and would appear to be allowable, at least through dependency.

Amendments have been made to the specification to further conform with U.S. practice. A new Abstract is presented for the same purpose.

Allowance of claims 1 and 3-13 is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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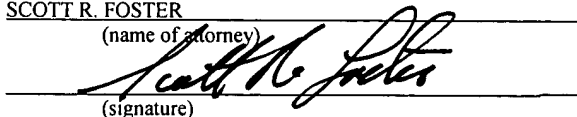
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